

As an amateur radio operator since 1968 and a broadcast engineer since 1972, I feel that the above Petition for Rulemaking, RM-10330, would be regulatory overkill. This petition appears to combine junk science and wild theories concerning damage caused to electronic equipment by a theromnuclear explosion with plain old fearmongering and demagoguery, ending in a call for sweeping federal regulation which would greatly increase the cost of radio equipment while creating a financial hardship for existing radio stations in noncommercial radio services such as the Amateur Radio Service.

The Amateur Radio Service is already grossly overregulated in this country. Were this petition to be granted, many amateur radio operators would be forced to replace all of the equipment in their stations. This is a heavy burden for a radio service that is primarily a hobby. Those of us who use older, tube-type radio equipment already have some "hardening" against the electromagnetic pulses (EMP) described in this Petition for Rulemaking.

I conclude by stating that RM-10330 should promptly be DENIED.

Respectfully submitted,
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